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SUBJECT: LOCAL FLOUR MILL REDUCES FLOUR OUTPUT.

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1. AUG 3 ACTING MANAGER OF LOCAL FLOUR MILL MIDEMA, OWNED BY CONTINEN TAL

GRAIN OF NEW YORK TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT SAME DAY MIDEMA WOULD REDUCE

OUTPUT TO 30 PER CENT OF CAPACITY. HE STATED THAT STOCKS ON HAND WERE 7,000 TONS OR APPROXIMATELY SUFFICIENT TO LAST FOR 50 DAYS AT 30 PER CENT CAPACITY.

2. THE MIDEMA MANAGER STATED THAT A VESSEL WITH 9,500 TONS OF WHEAT I

EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT ZAIRIAN PORT AUGUST 5. HOWEVER, CONTINENTAL GRA I

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HAS INSTRUCTED THAT UNLOADING OF THIS VESSEL NOT BEGIN UNTIL GOZ MAKE S

FULL PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ITS CARGO.

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3. COMMENT: GOZ CAN AND DOES STRICTLY CONTROL PRICE OF BREAD AT MAJOR BAKERIES. HOWEVER WHEN SHORTAGES OCCUR, AS AT PRESENT, SPECULATORS QUICKLY BUY BAKERIES' OUTPUT AND RESELL BAKERY PRODUCTS FOR WHATEVER TRAFFIC WILL BEAR. PRESENTLY SPECULATORS ARE ASKING TWO OR THREE TIMES NORMAL PRICE OF BREAD. CUTLER

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